



**John Bel Edwards**  
GOVERNOR

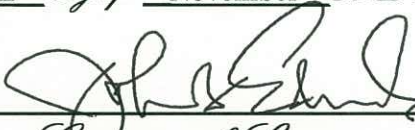
## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the state of Louisiana recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 107,918 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and
- WHEREAS,** 961 Children are waiting for permanent families in public foster care; and
- WHEREAS,** to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, courts will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Saturday, November 19, to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and
- WHEREAS,** this effort along with similar celebrations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, **John Bel Edwards**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2016 as

**ADOPTION AWARENESS DAY**  
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State  
of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge,  
on this 19th day of November A.D., 2016.*

  
Governor of Louisiana